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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0014] of the specification as follows:

[0014] According to an aspect of the present invention, a medical article is provided, which comprises: (a) a release region and (b) a therapeutic agent. The release region further comprises (i) a polymer and (ii) a filler, which comprises inorganic platelet particles. The release region regulates the rate at which the therapeutic agent is released from the medical article upon placement of the medical article at a position on or within a patient. In general, the presence of the inorganic platelet particles results in a reduced release rate for the therapeutic agent, relative to an analogous release region in which the inorganic platelet particles are absent. In certain embodiments, the release region comprises the therapeutic agent. In certain embodiments, the release region is disposed over a region that comprises the therapeutic agent.